



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1899

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Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.

Schedule in effect May 21st, 1899.

TRAINS LEAVE FREDERICKSBURG

Leave Northward.

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Local and Current Comments.

Mr. Philip Slaughter, of Richmond, is visiting relatives.

Mr. Charles M. Stamp, of Washington, is here to spend a few days.

300 new jackets and capes just opened at Baker's. Caps from 75c to \$10.

Mr. R. L. Smith, of Stafford, who cut his foot last Thursday, is slowly improving.

Mr. Theodore K. Miller, Jr., of Baltimore, is visiting his uncle, Mr. W. E. Bradley.

Miss Lottie Collawn, of Caroline county, is visiting the family of Mr. J. W. Mills, in Falmouth.

Prep. work for erection of bridge. See ad. elsewhere of U. A. Bryan, Clerk Board Supervisors of Stafford.

Mr. T. W. Bond, of Orange, attended the fair yesterday, and was a welcome visitor at the Free Lance office.

Mr. W. L. Slaughter is spending a few days at home here after a successful business trip South and West.

Mr. C. William Browne, of Catonsville, Md., spending today here, with his brother, Mr. J. W. Browne.

Mr. George P. King is out again after a protracted illness, much to the gratification of his many friends.

Mr. Jeff Walker, late with McCracken & Bro., has accepted a job as brakeman on the Narrow Gauge railroad.

Mrs. A. D. Tapscott and Mr. Danbridge Pitts will leave for Richmond county today by steamer to spend several weeks.

The six year old son of Mr. James Taylor, near Brooke, in Stafford, that fell from a wagon last week and broke his arm, is improving.

Mrs. Dr. E. S. Battington, of Huntington, W. Va., who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. D. Tapscott, will return home tomorrow.

Mr. Thomas N. Mason, a highly respected citizen of Orange county, died Monday afternoon, about 85 years. He was related to President Madison.

Attention of those interested is called to the order of publication elsewhere of Jane C. Jackson, executrix of Joseph S. Jackson, versus T. A. Harris, Sheriff administrator, etc.

Rev. W. J. Morton and wife, who have been spending several weeks with the family of Dr. C. B. Morton, in Spotsylvania, will return to their home in Tappahannock today.

Married at Methodist parsonage, September 27th, by Rev. J. P. Stamp, Mr. Robert B. Taylor, of Prince William county, Va., and Mrs. Mary Alice Spindle, of Caroline county, Va.

All of you are invited to come and see our latest New York styles in Dress Goods, Silks, Millinery, Ladies' and Misses' Wraps, and Skirts, Men's Youth's and Boys' Clothing, etc. T. N. Brent.

If you are planning up this fall you can get valuable information in regard to it, also materials for the work at lowest prices at Hall's Headquarters for everything in the drug line on best terms.

Owing to an unexpected delay in getting the building in readiness for it the dedication of the Christian Church here will not take place next Sunday as was expected. The date for the dedication will be announced later.

Mrs. Bettie C. Butler and daughter, Gertrude, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mrs. Ellen Allen and Mrs. William Allen at their home on West side of Washington Avenue.

A Randolph Howard, a popular member of the solid banking firm of Conway, Gordon & Garnett, spent a few days in Tappahannock last week. Mr. Howard is always heartily welcomed in Tappahannock by a host of friends. The firm of Conway, Gordon & Garnett is becoming more popular with the people of the Rappahannock river valley.

Ex-Postmaster J. T. Pritchard Dead.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Mr. James T. Pritchard, formerly of Virginia, but for some years a resident of Washington, dropped dead on the street here yesterday. As soon as it was discovered that Mr. Pritchard had fallen and was in a dying condition, the ambulance of the First Precinct was called and the remains taken to the morgue and Coroner Carr notified. The coroner, after viewing the body, gave a certificate of death from heart disease.

Mr. Pritchard left his home, 1318 Eleventh street, in the morning at about 9 o'clock, apparently in his usual health. For five or six years past he had been suffering from heart trouble, which became so serious at times that he was prostrated. He had often expressed the belief that he would die in the manner in which he did.

FROM FREDERICKSBURG.

The deceased was fifty-six years old, and was born in Fredericksburg, Va., where he spent many years of his life. During the civil war he was a Union sympathizer and was imprisoned by the Confederate authorities. He made his escape and came to Washington, and was appointed a clerk in the Treasury Department.

During President Arthur's administration he was appointed postmaster at Fredericksburg, and later occupied the same position at Lynchburg.

Death of Mr. Charles W. Pearson.

Mr. Charles W. Pearson, a former Fredericksburger and brother of Mr. George B. Pearson, of this city, after a protracted illness, died at the home of his mother, in Port Gibson, Miss., Monday morning, in the 51st year of his age. He was a genial, kind hearted gentleman and a well known business man. Many friends in this community are pained at the announcement of his death.

Death of A. W. Walton.

Mr. A. W. Walton died at his home near Ashland Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock after an illness of ten days. He was in his seventy-third year. His remains were taken to Louisa County home yesterday, where they will be laid to rest from the M. E. church, of which he was for years a steward.

During the war he served in the Thirtieth Virginia Regiment, Louisa Blues.

Death of a Popular Young Lady.

Miss Lizzie Embrey, daughter of Mr. E. M. Embrey, of Remington, Fauquier county, and a relative of Major and Mrs. W. S. Embrey, of this city, died Tuesday morning, aged 18 years. She was a lovely young lady and very popular with all who knew her.

Lightning Freaks.

Lightning tore a large poplar tree in the yard near the house of Maj. Erasmus Taylor, of Orange, into several parts on Monday. During the same storm two houses were struck in Gordonsville.

THE FAIR.

WEATHER INTERFERED WITH ATTENDANCE THE FIRST DAY.

Successful Balloon Ascension—The Exhibits and Races—Many Race Horses Entered—Side Shows and Other Amusements.

Owing to rain the thirteenth annual fair of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society opened Tuesday with a small attendance, though all things considered, about as large as usual on the first day. The track was so muddy that the races for that day had to be abandoned. Mr. Celeste's balloon was in place, and about 4 o'clock Louis F. Wimbrough made one of the most successful ascensions ever witnessed here, rising to a great height and descending by a parachute.

Some twenty odd race horses were on the grounds, the principal owners being C. H. Hunkamp, W. O. George, John McLean, Virginia Stables, of Richmond, Engelking Bros., O. S. Orrison, F. T. Telford, G. T. Boulware, T. E. Jones and others.

Among the exhibitors of other horses are R. C. L. Monroe, Duff Green, W. T. Peyton, S. O. Peyton, Eddie Jacobs, Count Adhemar, T. E. Clark, A. R. Howard, T. E. Jones, M. B. Rowe & Co., J. O. Powell and others.

There are fine exhibits of cattle by M. B. Rowe & Co., G. E. Monroe, T. H. Bullock, R. H. L. Chichester and others.

Side shows, merry-go-round, games, etc., abound to please the lovers of such amusements.

Bowering's Band furnishes sweet music.

EXHIBITS ON UPPER FLOOR.

On the upper floor of the main building J. Palmer Gordon and Frank T. Covey, florists, have fine displays of flowers, potted plants, etc.

E. O. Ninde, carpets, rugs, bureaus, lamps, China, ornamental chairs, elegantly made up bed, etc.

W. A. Bell & Co., framed pictures, ladies writing desk, hand-mirror, tempting looking made-up bed, lamps, screens, etc.

Sanders & Stayman, musical instruments—pianos, organs, etc.

In the middle of the large hall are the exhibits by the ladies, divided into four sections, two devoted to needlework, embroidery, lace work, crocheting, knitting and an innumerable line of fancy articles and quilts; one to cakes, breads, pickles, preserves, canned goods, cataplasms, wines, etc., constituting a magnificent collection of articles from the culinary departments of many of the homes in this section; the other to flowers and fine arts.

Among the many attractive exhibits in the large hall are vases and pottery made by Mrs. John M. Hull, of Stafford; jugs over one hundred years old; nine pieces of poetry competing for the \$250 gold piece offered by W. L. Brannan as an advertisement for his store, the award being made to Miss L. Mitchell, engraving by Geo. Kirtley; among oil paintings, pictures of the old Mary Washington Monument and Mary Washington House, both of which were awarded prizes; among the many figures cut on pickles in large jars is a picture of Admiral Dewey done in pen and ink on a vegetable by Miss Lizzie Kelly, of Falmouth, which is really a good likeness, judging from the cuts of him published in various newspapers, even the expression being portrayed; one of the largest displays in the culinary department is in vinegar; Mr. O. E. Hunter has a nice display of his island wines.

There are nearly one thousand articles—not including the merchants displays—on exhibition in the Ladies Department, many of them exceptionally meritorious.

Mr. A. P. Rowe, Jr., is the director in charge of the department, and under his supervision the committees of ladies commenced their work of judging at noon Tuesday and concluded about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after several hours of arduous work.

Some of the articles of embroidery and battenburg work are of most exquisite workmanship and pronounced by judges as being superior to any they had ever seen.

FARM PRODUCTS AND POULTRY.

In this department is a display by Bridgewater Mills: show case of wines, whiskeys, brandies, ale, beer, &c., by Strasburger & Son, and by the various exhibitors splendid specimens of grapes, apples, pears, all home grown, watermelons, peas, green corn, sweet and Irish potatoes, beets, cabbage, butterbeans, tobacco, salsify, cucumbers, large pumpkins, p. p. corn, very fine wheat of several varieties, very large corn on ear, cattle beans, onions, etc.; poultry—black and white leghorns, Plymouth rocks, langshans, game bantams, silver spangled Hamburgs, black breasted red games, Guineas, white geese, buff Cochins, black monroes, black Hamburgs, blue andankians, Rowen ducks, light and dark Brahmas, white Wyandottes, Pecon ducks, wild turkeys, golden Poles, etc.

In this room is also an exhibit of fine Potomac herrings packed by Samuel Fitzhugh, agent.

R. L. Bischoe has a good exhibit on the grounds, consisting of windmill, plows and other agricultural implements.

THE SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, the second day, was bright and beautiful, and a crowd numbering in the thousands attended.

Among the more active directors noticed on the grounds, who were doing everything in their power to add to the success of the Fair, were Capt. T. McCracken, President; Capt. S. J. Quinn, Secretary; Col. E. D. Cole, Capt. M. B. Rowe, T. F. Morrison, G. W. Sheppard, A. P. Rowe, Jr., W. B. Taylor, Alex. Pratt, J. W. Jones, J. Geo. R. Fitzhugh, S. S. Bradford, J. B. Gray, J. P. Corbin, J. J. Sale, A. M. Garner, O. H. Hunkamp and T. J. Haydon.

Col. E. D. Cole, chief marshal, and his assistants, Capt. M. B. Rowe, Capt. Dan M. Lee, B. T. Gill, T. A. Harris, C. L. Kennedy and W. J. Jacobs, were all on duty.

THE RACES.

Male Race—J. L. Gouldin's Bossie first, E. Skifker's Emma second.

Scrub Race—Half mile dash, Frank Monroe's Nellie first, J. T. Harris' Dan second.

Novelty Scrub Race—First money to E. Monroe's Fannie Johnson, second money to W. C. George's John